

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of :
Junichi KATSUKI : AUSTENITIC STAINLESS STEEL LESS
Teruyoshi IIDA : SUSCEPTIBLE TO CRACKING DURING
Takashi YAMAUCHI : FORMING AND A MANUFACTURING
Satoshi SUZUKI : METHOD THEREOF
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Sir:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please insert and amend section headings and amend specification paragraphs as follows.

Please replace the title beginning at page 1, line 1 with the following rewritten title:

AUSTENITIC STAINLESS STEEL LESS SUSCEPTIBLE TO CRACKING DURING
FORMING AND A MANUFACTURING METHOD THEREOF

On page 1, before line 5, please insert the following section heading:

1. Field of the Invention